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## Cassis continues to lead charge for tax relief for a stronger Michigan

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, is continuing tax relief for Michigan's small businesses with the introduction of Senate Bill 957 that will lower the alternative rate they pay on the Single Business Tax.

"The first step was completed in December providing tax relief to our struggling manufacturing sector. Today's legislation is the second step in a comprehensive effort to make Michigan more competitive with other states." said Cassis, R-Novi. "It reinforces my focus on the Three E's - Economy, Entrepreneurship and Education. They are the key to our state's economic revival."

Cassis' bill is part of a new package designed to help Michigan's businesses get back on their feet to retain and attract employees. Small businesses are the backbone of the state and employ approximately 70 percent of all workers. This legislation could cut taxes in half for more than 30,000 Michigan job providers.

"This proposal sends a strong signal to Michigan businesses that we are committed to reducing their tax burden, making Michigan a more attractive place to do business and to put people back to work," Cassis said. "I expect this important legislation to move quickly through the legislature."